

Town of Acton

Special Town Meeting Warrant



Tuesday, February 2, 2016

**The Special Town Meeting will convene at 7:00 PM in the
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium
36 Charter Road**

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*Town of Acton
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, ss.*

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, qualified to vote at Town Meetings for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium in said Acton on **Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM**, then and there to act on the following article:

One or more of the following recommendations may appear at the end of the Article's summary:

Recommended	This board voted to <u>recommend</u> passage by Town Meeting.
Not Recommended	This board voted to <u>not recommend</u> passage by Town Meeting.
Deferred	A recommendation will be made by this board when the Article is considered at Town Meeting.
No Recommendation	This board voted to make no specific recommendation to Town Meeting.

Article 1 (Majority Vote)	Amendments to the Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District
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To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District" for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, and which have been submitted as a restated "Regional Agreement" bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town.

Summary

Under Article 26 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Acton was one of 10 member towns to approve amendments to the Regional Agreement in 2014. Those amendments did not take effect because one other member town rejected them and five other member towns failed to vote on them. Under the existing Regional Agreement, each of the 16 member towns must accept any amendments to the Regional Agreement by a majority vote of its town meeting before the amendments can take effect.

This new proposed version of the amended Regional Agreement, approved by a vote of the Minuteman Regional School Committee on December 21, 2015, incorporates all of the amendments previously proposed, plus additional changes proposed by a working group of Selectmen representing each of the current 16 member towns.

Among other changes, the new proposed amended Regional Agreement uses a four-year rolling average of enrollment for assessing costs, streamlines the process for withdrawal by member towns, eliminates the five-student minimum charged to member towns for capital costs, and requires out-of-district communities to pay an equitable share of any capital costs associated with a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) project.

It should be noted that initial withdrawal by member towns is conditioned upon approval of the amended Regional Agreement *and* a separate vote to withdraw from the District. All town meeting votes on the proposed amended Regional Agreement must be taken during Special Town Meetings to be held prior to March 1, 2016.

The proposed amended Regional Agreement, bearing the date of December 21, 2015, is on file with the Acton Board of Selectmen. The full text of the proposed amended Regional Agreement may also be found online on Minuteman's website at <http://minuteman.schoolwires.net/Page/196>.

Direct inquiries to: Dr. Ed Bouquillon, Superintendent: ebouquillon@minuteman.org / (781) 861-6500
Pam Nourse, School Committee Representative: pam@newview.org

Selectman assigned: Janet Adachi: bos@acton-ma.gov / (978) 929-6611

Recommendations:	<u>Board of Selectmen</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>
	Deferred	Deferred

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, in not less than six public places in Town, to be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

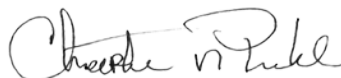
Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Acton this nineteenth day of January, two thousand sixteen.

Katie Green, Chair
Peter J. Berry, Vice-Chair
Janet K. Adachi, Clerk
Frances J. Osman
Chingsung Chang

Board of Selectmen

A true copy, Attest:


Constable of Acton



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